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Posted: **Wed Sep 07, 2016 3:49 pm**

by **Nikhar Gaikwad**

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Posted: **Wed Oct 05, 2016 8:29 am**

by **hillelsoifer**

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Posted: **Tue Oct 18, 2016 11:31 am**

by **VeronicaHerrera**

Hilel, thanks for these thoughts, it is interesting to think about how to define these two terms, and what constitutes a "text." We are really interested in hearing about the different types of text based and non text based sources qualitative researchers use as a means to think about whether they require different approaches to documentation or transparency promoting.

Can you comment on the types of text based sources you tend to use and in what context?

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Posted: **Mon Jan 02, 2017 3:55 pm**

by **Nikhar Gaikwad**

I have included below links to some posts from Stage I of the QTD process that are relevant to this thread:

[Inviting input on specific transparency practices](#)

[No place for my work in this debate](#)

[Preregistration \(or lack thereof\)](#)

[What might qualitative data access look like?](#)

[Interview-based research and the pros and cons of transparency](#)

[Data access--what is data and who decides?](#)

[Access to the broader evidentiary record in Congruence Analysis](#)

["Truth" or DARE: Let's replace "transparency" with "explicitness"](#)

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